

1 acquirer, the results of previous transfers, etc. *See* Rules 4:7 and 8:2, Rules of the
2 Virginia State Corporation Commission.

3 In any case, the point is that it is absolutely unreasonable for AT&T to have a
4 **contractual** veto right over Verizon VA's disposition of its assets (including
5 rights to provide services in an exchange). AT&T is not entitled to any additional
6 rights that other customers do not have. AT&T's concerns would appropriately
7 be considered by the Virginia Commission if and when any such transfer is
8 contemplated. This is precisely what the New York Public Service Commission
9 recently held in the AT&T/Verizon New York Inc. arbitration order. *See AT&T-*
10 *Verizon New York Order*, Case No. 01-C-0095, at 23-25 (July 30, 2001).

11 AT&T's suggested approach of inserting itself into Verizon VA's business as a
12 matter of contractual right is wholly unreasonable and overreaching.

13 Accordingly, it should be rejected out of hand.

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15 **Q. DOES THIS CONCLUDE YOUR TESTIMONY?**

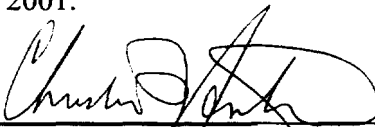
16 A. Yes.

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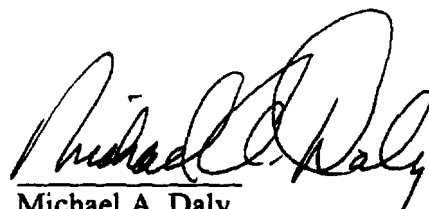
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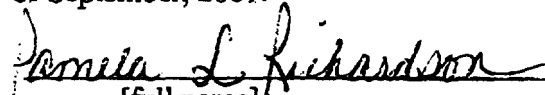

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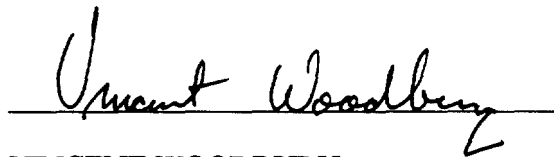
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VINCENT WOODBURY

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Washington, D.C. 20554

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VERIZON VA'S REBUTTAL TESTIMONY ON MEDIATION ISSUES
(CATEGORIES I AND III THROUGH VII)

MISCELLANEOUS ISSUES

- CHRISTOS T. ANTONIOU
- MICHAEL A. DALY
- STEVEN J. PITTERLE

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1 **I. INTRODUCTION AND OVERVIEW**

2 **Q. ARE YOU THE SAME PANEL THAT OFFERED DIRECT TESTIMONY**
3 **ON THE MEDIATION MISCELLANEOUS ISSUES?**

4 A. Yes. The education and background of the Miscellaneous Panel members were
5 described in the Direct Testimony on mediation miscellaneous issues.

6
7 **Q. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF YOUR REBUTTAL TESTIMONY IN THIS**
8 **PROCEEDING?**

9 A. This rebuttal testimony addresses two miscellaneous mediation issues:

- 10 • Issue VI-1(Y)--Alternate Billed Calls
11 • Issue VI-1(AA)--Information Services Traffic

12 On each of these issues, we respond to the testimony of WorldCom witness
13 Argenbright relating to these issues.

14
15 **Q. THERE ARE MORE THAN TWO MISCELLANEOUS ISSUES. HOW**
16 **ARE THE REST BEING HANDLED?**

17 A. We are addressing Issue V-15--Sales of Exchanges in our General Terms and
18 Conditions testimony in conjunction with Issue VII-17--Transfer of Telephone
19 Operations. The remaining miscellaneous issues--VII-23, VII-24, and VII-25--are
20 being addressed by the Pricing Terms and Conditions Panel.

21
22 **II. ALTERNATE BILLED CALLS (Issue VI-1(Y)) and INFORMATION**
23 **SERVICES TRAFFIC (Issue VI-1(AA))**

24 **Q. WHAT IS THE MAIN DISPUTE BETWEEN VERIZON VA AND**
25 **WORLDCOM WITH RESPECT TO BOTH THE ALTERNATE BILLED**

1 **CALLS (VI-1(Y)) AND INFORMATION SERVICES TRAFFIC (VI-1(AA))**
2 **ISSUES?**

3 A. The main dispute between Verizon VA and WorldCom in both instances appears
4 to relate to the question of which carrier must bear the financial risk that the
5 appropriate charges to the WorldCom local end-user will be uncollected. In this
6 circumstance (*i.e.* in which WorldCom has the relationship with the end-user
7 rather than Verizon VA), it is appropriate for WorldCom to bear the financial risk
8 of the uncollectable charges incurred by WorldCom's end-user. The whole
9 premise of WorldCom's argument that Verizon should be in the middle of a
10 relationship between WorldCom's end-user and another provider is its false
11 assumption that Verizon has voluntarily contracted with other providers. This is
12 not necessarily the case.

13
14 **Q. PLEASE EXPLAIN WHY IT IS NOT FAIR TO REQUIRE VERIZON VA**
15 **TO CONTINUE TO BEAR THE RISK OF UNCOLLECTABLE REVENUE**
16 **FROM A WORLDCOM END-USER?**

17 A. As explained in this Panel's Direct Testimony, the extent to which this is an issue
18 will vary from state to state depending on the services offered or allowed in that
19 state. Nevertheless, to the extent that a Verizon company has performed a billing
20 and collection function for third party providers, it usually has done so as a result
21 of terms required by a state commission in a Verizon company's tariff. Although
22 WorldCom witness Argenbright, page 45, complains that it would not be proper
23 or fair for Verizon to "force WorldCom to guarantee that the end-users will render

1 payment,” it is less proper or fair to expect Verizon to guaranty payments by
2 WorldCom’s end users when it no longer has the relationship with the end-user.
3 Generally, to balance the risk of the uncollectable charges, state commissions
4 provide the manner and means by which the service provider can terminate or
5 block services to end-users. The requirements to terminate or block services to
6 end-users are not yet tailored to an environment in which a variety of competitors
7 may serve the end-user. The lack of this appropriately tailored remedy, coupled
8 with the fact that Verizon no longer has any relationship with the end-user, leaves
9 Verizon left with inadequate protections against a WorldCom end-user who may
10 choose to use the line it purchases from WorldCom to access the services of third
11 parties. Because Verizon did not voluntarily undertake a billing and collection
12 arrangement with all third parties and because WorldCom has the ability to
13 structure its relationship with the end-user to protect against that end-user’s failure
14 to pay charges arising out of the end-user’s use of the line, it is WorldCom that
15 should bear this risk and not Verizon.

16
17 **Q. DO YOU HAVE ANY RESPONSE TO WORLDCOM’S TESTIMONY**
18 **SUGGESTING THAT CERTAIN TRAFFIC BE EXEMPTED FROM**
19 **RECIPROCAL COMPENSATION OBLIGATIONS?**

20 A. No. WorldCom seems to interject a new issue when it discusses the reciprocal
21 compensation scheme for what it calls “oddball codes.” Moreover, this Panel
22 does not address reciprocal compensation obligations. Rather, such an issue is
23 more appropriately addressed by the Intercarrier Compensation Panel, which

generally has discussed the appropriate reciprocal compensation obligations in light of the Commission's *ISP Remand Order* as well as WorldCom's suggestion that NPA-NXXs should be used to determine the applicable compensation scheme.

Q. DOES THIS CONCLUDE YOUR TESTIMONY?

A. Yes.

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